

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

**Please insert the following on page 2 before the section titled
“BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION”:**

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is based on Japanese Patent Applications Nos.
JP 2002-272372, filed September 19, 2002, and JP 2003-127890, filed May 6, 2003, the
entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

Please delete the entire paragraph beginning on page 49, line 8.